

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

Prepared August 3, 2010

ITEM NUMBER: 16

SUBJECT Limited-term Renewal of General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements – Timber Harvest Activities in the Central Coast Region (Order No. R3-2010-0041)

DISCUSSION

On July 8, 2005, the Central Coast Water Board (Regional Board) adopted the *General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements – Timber Harvest Activities in the Central Coast Region - Order No. R3-2005-0066* (Conditional Waiver Order). The Conditional Waiver Order requires owners of lands where timber is harvested to comply with conditions established to ensure timber harvests do not impair the beneficial uses of State waters. The Conditional Waiver Order's Item 6 states that the waiver shall expire on July 8, 2010, five years after its date of adoption, in accordance with Water Code section 13269.

Staff requires additional time to consider issues related to the waiver's conditions. On July 10, 2009, the Board approved changes to the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP No. R32010-0041) and staff implemented program changes regarding enrollment and inspections. Additionally, timber program implementation was transferred to a new staff person at that time. Staff will be able to evaluate the waiver's conditions with several additional months of implementing the changes initiated in July 2009. Therefore, staff proposes the Board extend the Conditional Waiver Order's expiration date by 18 months from September 2, 2010; that is, to February 2, 2012. Staff is not proposing any changes to the Conditional Waiver Order or the Monitoring and Reporting Program. However, staff updated the Order's Number and relevant dates, the Monitoring and Reporting Program's Number, relevant dates, and the bullets and section numbers. Staff will continue to evaluate relevant issues through a public process and will submit a draft Order to the Board for its consideration as soon as possible before February 2012.

The only issue before the Regional Board relative to this item is staff's proposal to renew the existing Conditional Waiver Order, with no changes except for the expiration date.

COMMENTS

On July 2, 2010, staff sent the draft Staff Report, Order, and Monitoring and Reporting Program to interested parties on the State's Lyris transmittal list. No comments were received by the July 22, 2010 due date.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Regional Board renew the *General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements – Timber Harvest Activities in the Central Coast Region – Order No. R3-2010-0041*, as proposed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Waste Discharge and Water Reclamation Requirements Order No. R3-2010-0041
2. Draft Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R3-2010-0041.

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